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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the above identified patent application. Applicants request that the Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to the calculation of the filing fees.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add, after the title, at line 3, the following } This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/256,622 which was filed on February 23, 1999 and a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/230,622 which was filed on June 14, 1999, the disclosure of which is considered as being part of this application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein. A1

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 3-5 and 7-8 as follows:

3. (Amended) [A] The canned pet food product according to Claim 1 [or claim 2] in which the outer phase is a thermally gelled mixture. A2